Fleming said that the Queen had charged Mr Attorney and himself that speedy and special order might be taken for these patents That was in the beginning of Hillary term last, and they all knew the danger of that time and what great affairs of importance happened to prevent these businesses, and since that time nothing could be done for want of leisure To which Sir Robert Wroth answered, * I would but note, Mr Solicitor, that you were charged to take order in Hillary term last, why not before ? There was time enough ever since the last Parliament I speak it, and I speak it boldly, these patentees are worse than they ever were' There had been divers patents granted since the last Parliament These are now in being, *viz* , the patents for currants, iron, powder, cards, ox-shin bones, tram oil, transportation of leather, lists of cloth, ashes, aniseeds, vinegar, sea coals, steel, *aqua vitae^* brushes, pots, saltpetre, lead, accidences, oil, calammt stone, oil of blubber, fumathoes or dried pilchers in the smoke and divers others Whereat Mr Hackwell of Lincoln's Inn stood up and asked, c Is not bread there ? ' ' Bread ? ' quoth one ' Bread ? ' quoth another ' This voice seems strange,' quoth another ' No," quoth Mr Hackwell, * if order be not taken for these, bread will be there before the next Parliament * The further consideration of this matter is appointed for Monday next

NEWS FROM IRELAND

The Lord Deputy with the Lord President and the army began the besieging of Kinsale on the i6th of last month There has been much fighting on both sides A Castle called Rincurran, very necessary to the defence of the town, has been

taken by our men, with 86 Spaniards Tyrone is now reported
to be coming with a great force to join with the Spaniards,
and the Lord President is gone with two regiments of foot and
325 horse to hinder his passage Hereby the remainder of the
army without Kinsale is less in numbers than the Spaniards
within until fresh reinforcement shall come from England , so
that the siege is at a stand, for it must be no small army that can
force the place in winter time when the very trenches are
continually filled with water and the decay of our men very
great